

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2011 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 10**

#### **Summer Announcement # 6, District Y-1 Subsistence Salmon Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Based on the outlook and consistent with preseason management strategies, fishing time on the first pulse of Chinook salmon is being reduced to conserve an adequate amount of fish for escapement. One fishing period has been cancelled in District Y-1 and the northern area of the Coastal District and District Y-2.

**District Y-1:** Subsistence salmon fishing will be open from 8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 16 until 8:00 a.m. Saturday, June 18 for 36-hours. The department will notify fishermen in District Y-1 by Sunday, June 19 if further conservation measures are warranted to ensure escapement goals are met.

**District Y-2:** Subsistence salmon fishing is closed and will remain closed during the next subsistence period which would have started Wednesday, June 15. The department will notify fishermen by Saturday June 18 concerning the next subsistence salmon fishing period and schedule for District Y-2.

**District Y-3:** Subsistence salmon fishing will reopen at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 15 and then be open for two 36-hour periods per week from 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays until 8:00 a.m. Fridays and 8:00 p.m. Sundays until 8:00 a.m. Tuesdays.

**Coastal District:** In the portion of the Coastal District from 62 degrees North latitude to Point Romanoff and 3 miles offshore, subsistence salmon fishing will reopen 8:00 pm Thursday, June

16. The department will notify fishermen in this area by Sunday, June 19 if further conservation measures are needed to ensure escapement goals are met.

In the remainder of the Coastal District, from the Naskonat Peninsula north to 62° North latitude, including communities of Chevak, Hooper Bay, and Scammon Bay, currently subsistence salmon fishing is open seven days a week.

Fishermen in Districts Y-1, Y-2, and Y-3 should stand by for short notice news releases on VHF and radio regarding the subsistence salmon fishing closures to ensure an adequate amount of fish are protected through these districts to meet escapement goals.

Innoko River: By regulation, subsistence salmon fishing is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

During the subsistence salmon fishing closures, only gillnets with a mesh size 4-inches or less and 60 feet or less in length can remain in the water.

Fishermen in Districts 1-6 and the Coastal District may not take salmon using gillnets with mesh size larger than 7.5 inches. Fishermen in these districts may use a mesh size of 7.5 inches or less.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 949-1731 or 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 949-1798. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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